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N.I.P.B.A. Veterans Visit Leinster

The annual challenge match between Leinster Bowling Club and a select team of veterans from the Northern Ireland Provincial Bowls Association (NIPBA) took place on Friday 8th June. Running for the last five years, this match was played by 48 players in a friendly but competitive spirit. On this occasion, Leinster were the victors, resulting in a series tie at 2.5 matches each.

SQUASH

League/Cup Summary

It's currently off-season for the squash section, with lots of our players enjoying the sun and turning their attention to other sports.

The 2017/18 league season finished in April and was very successful for LCC Squash. Our Saturday League Div1 team (captained by Kennie Byrne) and our Veteran's Div 2 team (captained by Seamus Daly) both won their respective divisions. We also had strong 2nd place finishes from our Men's Premier (Michael Conroy/Rory Gallagher), Men's Div 4 (Kevin Voelkin), Men's Div 5 (Peter O'Halloran), and Sat League Div2 (Jorge Del Rio), with our Men's Div 6 team (Ciaran O'Sullivan) finishing in a close 3rd position. We also fielded 2 ladies teams in the Leinster league for the first time in a number of years and hope to grow the ladies section further in the coming season. In the cup competitions we were runners up in the Division 5&6 event.



LCC Squash Ladies A team (L-R) Denise Gallagher, Fiona McCormack, Majella Duignan, Veronica Brogan

Club Championships

April also saw our Club Championships finals night with a summary of the results below:

Section A: Winner Sean Conroy and R/Up Sam Olwill

Section B: Winner Kevin Voelkin and R/Up Seamus Daly

Section C: Winner Mick Byrne and R/Up Niall Moran

Section D: Winner Conor Kenny and R/Up Philippe Laurijssen

Section B Plate: Winner Rory Gallagher and R/Up James Jameson

Section C Plate: Winner John McDonald and R/Up Declan Martin

All Ireland Success!

Congratulations to our Premier team who finished the season on an amazing high by winning the All-Ireland Club Championship title last May, defeating Fitzwilliam in the final and bringing the trophy back to LCC for the 2nd time in recent years.



All Ireland Club Champions 2018 (L-R) Keith Moran, Sean Conroy, Sam Olwill, Rory Gallagher, Michael Conroy, Theo Anderson, Brian Byrne

Next up for the team is the European Team Club Championships in Eindhoven from 19th-21st September with lots of players and supporters already looking forward to the trip!

And a special mention must go to our club champion Sean Conroy who has just claimed his first professional title by winning the 2018 Bendigo Open in Australia - the first win of many no doubt!



Sean Conroy after winning the 2018 Bendigo Open in July

So looking forward to the start of next season in the Autumn but plenty of squash to be had in the meantime with Box Leagues, coaching, and our regular Friday club night all continuing over the summer months.

Paul Conroy
Squash Secretary

YOUTH CRICKET

We held our second Give It A Blast day on 15th April to promote Cricket4Girls but, due to a downpour we could not run any of our outdoor activities. However, over 70 girls and their parents enjoyed tea/coffee and cakes, meeting the LCC parents and a Q&A session with the Irish Women's Captain, Laura Delany. Thanks to the Executive for the teas and coffees, to the parents and girls who baked and chatted, to Vanessa Kelada and her helpers who ran the taster sessions in local schools and to our sponsors, Dublin City Council, Fyffes and Joynt & Crawford.

As a result of this initiative and our terrific coaching programme (ages 6-9) run by Stephen Kenealy, with the assistance of U17s and other helpers including Brian Delany, Declan O'Brien and Guy Satchwell, the numbers continue to grow (particularly at the Under 9s category) with up to 150 youth (up to 12 years) attending all the

sessions on Sunday mornings. The group has been divided into the Lions (8-9 years) and Cubs (6-7 years) with a second session on a Thursday afternoon introduced for the Lions.

Thanks to our fundraising committee for running a successful raffle at the beginning of the season as well as the ever popular shop. Thanks as well to John Moore for organising the bag pack in SuperValu and to all the volunteer packers. We are hopeful of buying a new bowling machine.

We introduced a revised Child Safeguarding policy to ensure that the Club complies with the Children First legislation and our thanks go to Alison Crawford, Padraig McHale and Mike O'Sullivan for their hard work. We would ask that any parents who have yet to sign the parental code of conduct to now download it from www.lccsports.net, sign and send it into Gill ASAP.

On the field, we have had a mixed season to date with plenty of good cricket in fantastic conditions. Mike O'Sullivan reports for the boys:

Gerry Duffy Cup

The Junior side had a very good run in the Gerry Duffy Cup making it to the final where they were beaten by a strong YMCA side. In the qualifying stages, they won four out of five matches in the South Division before defeating North County in the semi-final by 41 runs. In that match Andrew Tonge made 98*, Daire Cassidy 64 runs with Mark Tonge (2-20) and Stephen Kerrison (1-14) leading the bowling. However, strong batting performances by Andrew Tonge (65) and Daire Cassidy (64) were not enough to overcome YMCA in the final.

Representative Honours to Date:

Congratulations to the boys who made representative squads including:

U15 Leinster: Mark Tonge, Matthew Lynch and Craig McKay

U15 Southern: Andrew Tonge

U17 Southern: Euan McKay

The girls remain in the U15s and U17s Cups and have been competitive in the leagues to date.

Representative Honours:

Congratulations to the girls who made representative teams for the Malvern festivals including:

U15 Ireland: Ava Canning and Joanna Loughran

U15 Leinster: Rhiann Slevin

U17 Leinster: Maria Kerrison, Mary Kate McLoughlin, Isabel Saeed-Maguire, Ruby Shirt and Jenny Sparrow

Ireland: Rebecca Stokell

Youth Committee

WOMENS CRICKET

The women's season is nearly half way through with the section playing 24 of the 47 games scheduled. Of the 24 games there have been only 4 losses with our women's 2nd XI undefeated and having progressed onto the final of the Junior Cup - 17th August in Railway Union.

Our women's 1st XI reached the Senior Cup semi-final but unfortunately were beaten by Merrion who will now face Clontarf in the final on August 3rd.

We were delighted to welcome some new members to the women's section this season and also welcoming some old faces back.

The Irish team is led by Laura Delany and they are coming off a home series against New Zealand and Bangladesh where Amy Kenealy, Eimear Richardson and Rebecca Stokell also represented Ireland.

Currently the Irish team are in the Netherlands hoping to qualify for the World T20 in the Caribbean this November.

We wish them all the best.

Women's Committee



Eimear Richardson , Laura Delany , Rebecca Stokell

BRIDGE



1st Prize Winners of 2018 MK Bridge Tournament Kay Keyes & Dermot Fitzsimons with Bridge President Carmel Hourican and Tournament Director Mary Keating

The Bridge Club continues at the club house on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

The AGM was held on 23rd May 2018 and a new committee was elected as follows:

President: Carmel Hourican
Honorary Treasurer: Michael Hunt
Honorary Secretary: Mary White
Competition Secretary: Diarmuid O'Sullivan
Ordinary Members: Catherine Clarke and Claire Russell

The committee organised a number of club competitions during the year - Open Draw held on 11th October, Pairs Competition on 22nd and 29th November, Simultaneous Pairs held on 7th February and the MK Trophy on 18th April. A and B Intermediate Teams continue to represent the club in the Fanagan League and 6 ladies entered the Regent Bridge Club ladies league.

The club continues to welcome new members. Individual players and partnerships are all welcome. A standby player is available for the Wednesday evening game so players arriving on the evening without a partner will always be assured of a game.

Bridge coaching is available at the club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

For information and advice regarding bridge at LCC please contact Catherine at 087 4160580.

Mary White, Secretary

BOWLS

Season's events

The bowling season got under way with the unfurling of the flag on 14th April after which President Lorcan Finn, and Captains Robbie Meany and Annette Finn rolled up the first bowls of the season. There was a good attendance of both ladies and men to enjoy the afternoon's bowls followed by refreshments in the bar.



Unfurling of the Flag

The season's social activities were launched with the annual Quiz on 20 April and sincere thanks to Peter Knight from Westmanstown for yet again setting the questions and being the quizmaster on a most enjoyable evening attended by over 60 people.

A Social Committee has been set-up under the chairmanship of Peter McArdle and we look forward

to enjoying its programme of events over the coming months.

During April and May, club members had a big clean-up of the grounds and the pavilion was painted and new curtains hung. As ever, despite the summer drought, the grounds are a rainbow of colour with new flowers pots and floral displays. A big thanks to Marie Tormey and her green fingers.

The President's and Captains' Day was a beautiful, sunny 24 June when over 40 members played a competitive game in the afternoon and enjoyed a well-earned meal afterwards. We were delighted to welcome so many former and retired members to the event.

The Annual Dinner will take place on 19 October and the season will draw to a close with the AGM on 23 November.



President's and Captains' Day

Membership

The Club currently has forty-four men members and thirty-seven ladies.

We were delighted to welcome a number of experienced players at the start of the season and to report that many of last year's new members in both the men's and women's sections are now playing league on a regular basis.

The Club's Open Day took place on 12 May and while attendance was small on the day, there is now a group of potential new members being introduced to the sport at dedicated coaching sessions. It is expected that a number of those attending will join as members in due course. Efforts continue to attract new members to the Club.

Leagues

On the playing front, the Men's teams are doing well with the Division 1 team currently 4th in their league and the Division 4 and Veteran's teams in the middle of their leagues.

The Ladies teams are also doing extremely well with their teams placed as follows in their leagues: Division 1 -3rd; Division 3 - joint 2nd; Division 4 – 1st; Saturday league - 4th.

BLI and LBLI competitions

Almost all of the BLI and LBLI competitions have reached the semi-final stages.

The BLI finals (men's tournament) will take place in Kenilworth Bowling Club on 30 July-4 August where Noel Roche, Robbie Meany, Tony Fitzpatrick and Paul Smyth will keep the Club's flag flying in the O'Leary Cup (over 55s) having won through to the semi-finals.

The LBLI finals (ladies' tournament) will take place in CYM Bowling Club from 13-16 August. To date, Pat McDonagh and Mary Kenny have qualified for the semi-finals in the Moran Cup (Senior Pairs) and Eva Johnston, Margaret Meehan, Maura Donovan and Mary Keating for the semi-finals in the M&F Murphy Cup (Junior Fours). A number of quarter final matches remain to be played and we wish all our players the best of luck.



President's and Captains' Day

Representation

Seven of our ladies were picked to play in the Inter-Association Competitions this year, two for the Senior Team (Pat McDonagh and Mary Kenny) and five for the Junior Team (Mary Keating, Maura Donovan, Margaret Meehan, Claire Johns and Emer Smith).

Paul Smyth and Thomas Smyth were selected for the Men's Senior Inter-Association team.

Andrew McArdle was selected for the Men's U25 Inter-Association team.

Champion of Champions

Leinster Bowling Club was represented at the annual Champion of Champions competition held in Dun Laoghaire Bowling Club on 15 July by the winners of our 2017 Singles Championships - Mary Kenny and Noel Roche.

To the delight of the large crowd of LBC supporters, Mary was crowned Ladies' Champion of Champions after excellent wins in the semi-final and final. Noel reached the semi-finals of the tournament only losing in a tight match to the ultimate winner.



Mary Kenny – Champion of Champions

Leinster-Crumlin Tournament

The annual Leinster-Crumlin Tournament will take place from 5-12 August 2017. Leinster is the primary host for the event this year and we look forward to a competitive week of bowls.

Club Championships

The Club Championships are currently underway and will conclude with the Finals weekend on 22/23 September.

*Anne FitzGerald
Secretary, Bowling Section*

MENS CRICKET

This summer we have been blessed with glorious weather that has seen outfields resemble the Costa del Sol. This warm weather has put a lot of pressure on our square and unfortunately we have had to place restrictions on the teams that can play on grass.

I would like to call on your support for our charity lunch that is being held on Friday 31st August at the Grange Golf Club where Joe Schmidt is the guest speaker. Posters with more details about the event will be going up soon around the club and tickets will cost €80. I would like to thank Pam Cassidy, Frank O'Connor and JP O'Dwyer for all their work in putting this together.

On the field, the First XI has struggled in the league with 2 wins from 8 games. This leaves us in a very perilous position but a recent run of success in the Irish Senior Cup and the Alan Murray Cup has seen a return to form which we all hope will result in more success in the league. I would like to welcome to the club Jarryd Chetty who will act as First Team coach for the rest of the season. His work has already been seen at nets on Tuesday and Thursday.

Mention must be made of the success of George Dockrell and Gareth Delany at interpro level for the Leinster Lightning and George's selection for the 20/20 series against India and Gareth's selection for the Irish Wolves team.

The 2nd XI led by Jason Nagle are well positioned in the league for the final stretch of games and it's great to see a good blend of youth and experience playing for the team and this augurs well for the future.

Mick Scully's 3rd XI are undefeated so far this season - the victory over Malahide surely one of the games of the season. His organisation and canny eye for a good player has resulted in a very successful season to date.

The 4th XI captained by Rob O'Connor is our designated youth side and while it has met with mixed fortunes on

the pitch it has seen some fine individual performances from our up and coming youth players. Last Saturday the team achieved a notable success over Dundalk with Malcolm Rule as stand-in captain and 10 youth players.

The 5th XI led by Ashok Yadav has a lot of its league campaign to run – a tight defeat to AIB has left Ashok's team with a lot to do to win the league but there is no doubt that he has the players at his disposal to mount a serious challenge on the run in.

Maaz Khan's 6th XI are also in a very strong position in the league – unbeaten to date and well placed to challenge for league honours. The 7th XI captained by Avtar Singh have performed well on the pitch with a settled side and cannot be ruled out of being involved in the final shake-up.

Stephen Tonge

TIMOTHY MORAHAN

Meet Timothy Morahan from Mountpleasant Avenue, who recently won two gold medals and a silver in athletics at the Special Olympics Ireland National Games, which were held over three days from 14-17 June at Morton Stadium, Santry.

Timothy won the 1,500 and 5,000 metres races, and with his South Dublin Special Olympics team, got second place in the 1 x 400 metres relay.

Over the past year, Timothy has done much of his athletics training on the Leinster Cricket Club cricket ground.

winter has contributed greatly to his being able to compete in wider competitions.

The next level of Special Olympics competition are the World Games in Abu Dhabi 2019. However, selection for this is decided by lottery. Timothy was already lucky to have been picked for the World Games in Los Angeles in 2015, where he won a bronze medal in the 800 metres, a silver in the long jump and another silver in the 4 x 100 metres relay.



Timothy visits LCC with his medals

In addition to running in Special Olympics races this year, Timothy has also branched out into mainstream athletics competition. He has been competing over recent months in the graded races organised by Dublin Athletics Board, in the course of which he has achieved personal best times of 4:38 for 1,500 metres and 17:43 for the 5,000 metres. He is convinced that the opportunity to train on the grass at LCC throughout the